

MINUTES

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN OPTOMETRY

March 15, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Registration in Optometry was held at 121 South Fruit Street, Concord, New Hampshire on the above date beginning at 9:00 A.M. Unless otherwise indicated, the members present and participating were: Guy R. Lessard, O.D., President; Joel R. Tuite, O.D.; Scott Krauchunas, O.D. and Alan Goode, Public Member. Absent was: Andrea L. Murphy, O.D.

PUBLIC SESSION:

INTERVIEWS/HEARINGS WITH THE BOARD:

10:00 A.M. – Rules Hearing on OPT 402.01. Board opens the hearing at 10:00 am and closed the hearing at 10:15. There were no public comments. Board Action: 3/15/19 - On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Mr. Goode, approve final proposal. Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DRAFT Minutes from the February 1, 2019 Board meeting. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Tuite, approved. Unanimous.
2. Readopt with amendment OPT 303.01 rules. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, Board voted to readopt the rule with the amendment. Unanimous.
3. Request from Lia Sprague, O.D. wanting to know if Dry Eye University hours would count a category 1 CEU's. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved. Unanimous.
4. Request form Ryan Fuller, O.D. requesting an extension to complete CEUs. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved. Unanimous.
5. Request from Sarah Duval for the approval of 2 one hour lectures for CEU credits on Ocular Surface Tumors and Aerospace Ophthalmology. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Dr. Krauchunas, seconded by Dr. Tuite, approved. Unanimous.
6. Request from Gerald Astorino, O.D. for the Board to consider granting CEU's for "in service" time. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved for class II hours. Unanimous.
7. ARBO- South Dakota Board would like to know how each state is responding to pupillary distance requests by patients who are taking their prescription to an online source. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, the state is not responding because every optometrist handles this differently. It's not part of the exam therefore it isn't on the prescriptions. Unanimous.

8. ARBO- Oregon Board would like to know what your endorsement or licensure requirements for licensee who completed the NBEO TMOD exam prior to 2002? They are looking at beginning bi-annual mandatory new licensee meetings where all new licensees are required to attend in their first 12 months of licensure so that we can go over the laws/rules and requirements of Oregon licensure. Board Action: 3/15/19 – On motion of Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Tuite, inform ARBO that once an applicant passes the Boards, they are eligible for licensure. Unanimous.
9. ARBO – Final Approved 2019 Budget. – Board Action: 3/15/2019 – File.
10. NBEO – News from the NBEO regarding changes coming in 2019. Board Action: 3/15/2019 - Accept and File.

TABLED:

T1.Initial proposal to draft rules regarding alternative CEU's. **Board Action: 1/26/18**
– On motion of Dr. Lessard, seconded by Dr. Murphy, vote to approve 8 hours of alternative CEU's. Mr. Lamberti to draft the rules. Unanimous. **Board Action: 3/14/18**
– Tabled. **Board Action: 4/20/18** – Tabled. **Board Action: 8/24/18** – Tabled. **Board Action: 10/5/18**- Ms. Canney to see where the draft rules are at this time. **Board Action: 11/16/18** – Ms. Taylor will ask Tom Broderick, attorney for rules, about these draft rules. **Board Action: 12/21/18** – On motion of Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Krauchunas, Board voted to approve the initial proposal and readopt with amendment Opt 402.01(a) with changes. Unanimous. . **Board Action: 2/1/19** – Tabled. **Board Action: 3/15/19** - On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Mr. Goode, approved rules. Unanimous.

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REINSTATEMENT APPS: Board Action: 2/1/19 - On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, Dr. Schoorens doesn't qualify for a 30 day reinstatement. She will have to submit a regular reinstatement application with all the required documents. Unanimous. **Board Action: 3/15/19** – On motion of Dr. Tuite, seconded by Dr. Krauchunas, approved for TPA/g licensure. Unanimous.

SCHOORENS, Kelly M., O.D.

Motion to commence non-public session:

On motion of Dr. Krauchunas, seconded by Dr. Tuite, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and optometry applications and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Dr. Krauchunas and the second of Dr. Tuite, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is May 3, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.